ASPHALT FRAUDS CHARGED

THE MAYOR CALLS IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WITH A BANG.

Commissioners of Accounts Declare That the City Has Paid a Million Dollars Too Much for Pavements Because Mayor Strong's Department of Public Works Favored an Asphalt "Combine."

Mayor Van Wyck's Commissioners of Acsounts, John C. Hertle and Edward Owen, terned in a report to him yesterday charging gross carelessness, extravagance and fraud is the management of the Department of Pubto Works during Mayor Strong's term. The general report on the department, which had at its head William Brookfield and Gen. C. H. 7. Collis during Mayor Strong's administragos was made public. Six special reports, seeling with asphalt pavements, the bureaus of the Engineer of the Croton Aqueduct, Repairs and Supplies, Water Inspector, General Inspector, and the Water Purveyor's office, were held back. When the Mayor got the diner and dramatically handed him the docu ments, with this charge:

"Mr. Distric: Attorney, five months agohat May-I discovered what I considered a gheme to defraud and swindle the city in these asphalt pavements, and I discovered sough to make me conclude in my own mind that there was an infamous combination to mulet the city out of large sums of money. I then called to my aid the Commissioners of Accounts, and I left this matter in the hands of Commissioner of Accounts Hertle, whom I have known since I was a boy, and in whom I have absolute confidence. He has, after months of diligent investigation and examinaton of tens of thousands of warrants, made a mort to me to-day which refers to special mports, which cannot be made public now. which leads me to believe that the old De partment of Public Works was entirely honeycombed with fraud, and, as the present Mayor of the city of New York. It is my intention to break up this combination, if I drive guilty people to the penitentiary to do it.

"I want you to take this report and I want you to pursue this matter to the end, and I think there is enough evidence there to make some people who now stand high in the community disappear behind the grated bars of the State peniteutiary. I turn this report into your hands and also the special reports and desire you to investigate this matter at once and take such steps in the matter as the evidence which may come to you justifies. I want you to pursue the guilty parties until justice is meted out, and this you must do whether they were a part of the past Administration." Mr. Gardiner took up the bundle of reports, eleared his throat and spoke as follows:

"When you sent for me a few minutes ago I did not, of course, know your object. When I was offered the nomination of District Attemey I pledged myself to administer the effec in the interest of the people and in the interest of good government; and you may member, you were present at the Hoffman House when the committee notified us of the nominations. I again repeated those words to that committee and I propose to carry them out now, and I don't care who the party may be, if I find he has defrauded this beloved city of ours, his political associations will have oathing to do with it, I will pursue him to the "I want you to take this report and I want

est now, and I don't care who the party may be, if I find he has defrauded this beloved city of ours, his political associations will have nothing to do with it. I will pursue him to the Grand Jury. The District Attorney's office will do its full duty in the premises. I will carefully examine these entire papers and give my undivided attention to the matter."

John C. Klatzl, a flour merchant, of 11 water street, is foreman of the General Sessions Grand Jury for October, which was sworn in yesterday by Judge Fitzgerald.

The general report of the Commissioners of Accounts consists of 6,000 words. It says that the books eeping in the Department of Public Works in;1895, '93 and '97 was careless and that the books were not fully written up. To such a extent, they say, was this inaccuracy carried that the books for 1895, '93 and '97 show an warrended balance of \$9,377,892,08, whereas the actual difference between expenditures and receipts is only \$6,088,847.40. No great harm can result from this, they say, but it shows careless bookkeeping.

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It is also charged that attempts were made to cover violations of the law by delaying the making out of vouchers and entries in 2018 more than a year after work was completed. The Commissioners say that their work revealed a condition of affairs which calls for vigorous action, to punish violators of the law, and that many changes should be made in the methods of conducting the city's basiness, so as not to give all the advantages to contractors.

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They condemn the system of purchasing supplies without public letting of contracts in quantities/of less than \$1,000 of such articles as are used daily throughout the year, which in the aggregate amount to many thousands of dollars per annum. They say that in their examination of Adelbert H. Steele, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works for six mouths under Commissioner Collis, he testified under oath that in the seven bureaus then in the Department of Public Works the practice was general to draw requisitions for the various supplies needed, and that the prices paid by one bureau would vary from those paid by another for the same article, and that these prices would be again different from those paid for the same article, and that these prices would be again different from those paid for the same article, and that these prices would be again different from those paid for the same article, and that the prices say that it has been the custom in many instances for the official head of the department wanting supplies for less than \$1,000, to suggest in writing on the requisition, or by pinning thereon a slip of paper containing the same. This was favoritism, say Messre. Herle and Owen.

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This company has allowed from time to time, according to the persistency of the competition, other companies to come in for a small share of the work, but making them pay tribute, in compelling them to purchase their crude asphalt from the company which Amil Barber controls as President of the Indiad Asphalt Company, and who succeeded in convincing some of the officials of the Petartment of Public Works that Pitch Lake, I finidad, was the only standard of asphalt which would secure good; payements, and succeeded in 1862 in having the clause inserted isto the specifications which read as follows: The asphalt to be equal in quality to that place from Pitch Lake, in the Island of Tribidad, and later, evidently finding other companies who were able to furnish from wher localities an asphalt as good in quality is that mined from the Pitch Lake of Trinidad. The asphalt must be that mined from the Pitch Lake of Trinidad. The asphalt must be that mined from the Pitch Lake of Trinidad. Thus assisting the findad Asphalt Company and the Barber asphalt Paving Company to absolutely stiffe competition. This clause was allowed to remain till about the time the California Asphalt Company, which claims to obtain its asphalt from the Alcatrax mines of California, came into existence, of which Henry B. Towle was Treasurer, and who is the son of the then Chairment of Public Works, and from whose office all changes in Sectionally enforced. The Commissioners recomment that a bidder should have a plant and they charge that this clause was only occasionally enforced. The Commissioners recomment that a bidder should have a plant and they charge that this clause was only occasionally enforced. The Commissioners recomment that a bidder should have a plant and they charge that this clause was only occasionally enforced. The Commissioners recomment that the city lay its own asphalt parent shortage of 3,432 tons of coal, valued it SLOSO, supplied to three Controls and in a particular the force of the American and Suprants and Hollings of th The Guleral Inspectors' Bureau is charged with carelessness which cost the city thousands of dellars. Various violations of the law is this department, they say, are the subject of a special report. They end the report with

a promise of more, and then add this paragraph?

We hope this examination will enable us to properly punish those violating the law and that you will shortly have each one of the new departments (which were, before consolidation, under the control of the Commissioner of Public Works run in a businessilke manner, methodical and economical, and for the best interests of the citizons of Greater New York, which interests overy one knows you have at heart.

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THE DENVER AND GULF PLAN.

The Reorganization Plan Calls for an Assessment of \$10 a Share on the Stock.

The plan for the reorganization of the Union Pacific, Denver and Gulf Railway Company provides for the formation of a new company, which will issue \$20,000,000 first mortgage 4 per cent. gold bonds, \$8,500,000 first preferred \$8,500,000 second preferred, and \$31,000,000 of common stock. The preferred stocks are to be entitled to 4 per cent. dividends, and are to be non-cumulative. The stock is to be held in a voting trust for five years, and for such furher period as shall elapse before the first pre-ferred stock shall have received its dividends ther period as shall have received its dividends for three consecutive years.

Union Pacific, Denver and Gulf stock and Denver, Texas and Fort Worth stock are to pay an assessment of \$10 a share each, for which will be given \$2.50 in new first mortgage bonds, \$5 in new first preferred and \$5 in new second preferred stock, and they will receive share for share of new common stock.

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The exchange of other securities will be made as follows: For each \$1,000 Union Pacific, and Conver and Guif consolidated mortgage bond \$800 in first mortgage 4 per cent. bonds, \$300 in first preferred stock and \$300 in second preferred stock. For each \$1,000 Denver. Texas and Fort Worth first morgage bond \$800 in first mortgage 4 per cent, bonds \$300 in first preferred stock and \$300 in second preferred stock and \$300 in second preferred stock. For each \$1,000 Denver. Texas and Guif first mortgage bond \$800 in first mortgage 4 per cent. bonds, \$550 in first preferred and \$300 in second preferred stock. For each \$1,000 Denver, Texas and Fort Worth funded interest certificate \$1,000 in second preferred stock.

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A purchasing syndicate has been formed which will provide \$4.512,098 in each for the purposes of the reorganization. It is estimated that an annual saving of \$621,420 will be effected by the reorganizatation.

More Opposition to B. and O. Beorganian

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 3.-Cornelius J. Ryan, Ludovio C. Cleeman and John Pitcairn, representing the holders of preferred stock of the Akron and Chicago Junction Railroad to the value of \$600,000, filed a petition in the United Value of \$000,000, filed a petition in the United States Circuit Court to-day for permission to join the State of Maryland and the Johns Hopkins University in the suit to prevent the reorganization of the Baltimore and Ohlo Baliroad. A similar petition was filed for Alexander Torrance of New York, who holds 2.127 shares of the preferred stock of the Baltimore and Ohlo. Judge Morris set Oct. 21 for a hearing of the petitions.

WASHINGTON MULLIN SHIFTED.

Goes to Harlem-Frank Mangin Succeed Him as Head of Boiler Bureau.

The entire Police Department, with the exeption of the inner circle, got a surprise yes terday in the transfer of Sergt. Washington Mullin from the Department of Boiler Inspec tion to Sergeant's duty in the West 125th street station. Sergt, Mullin had been in the Boiler Inspection Department for nearly a generation, and was considered by the large majority of policemen to be as safe in his place as any man on the force can be in any place When it came out a little later that Sergt Frank Mangin, once former Chief Byrnes's secretary, and a mighty man in the marble building, had been transferred from duty on secretary, and a mignty man in the marble building, had been transferred from duty on the police boat Patrol to succeed Mullin, there was little doubt as to the direction from which the wires pulled. Some who are as yet on the outer edge of the inner circle say that Mullin's case is almost a parallel to the recent transfer of Sergt. Hildebrand from the Bureau of Elections, except that it lacks even the visible excuse which was cited as the cause of Hildebrand's transfer.

Sergt. Mangin was bounced from Headquarters when Byrnes went out and for a time was in charge of the squad in the Morrisania Police Court. Before his fall he held the grade of Detective Sergeant, but lost it. He was afterward assigned to duty on the Patrol.

The Patrol lost another old member of its crew yesterday in the person of Boundsman Adler, the plot, who was transferred to street duty in the Old slip precinct. He was succeeded by Roundsman Taylor, who was a patrolman on the boat.

Capt. Anthony Allaire, drillmaster of the department, who has his offlee at Headquarters, will not go to the Madison street station to succeed Capt. Meakim, as was announced. Chief Devery said yesterday that he has countermanded the order and that Capt. Allaire would remain in his present office.

A New Police Captain for Flushing.

A New Police Captain for Flushing. Sergt. Cottrell, who has been in command of the Seventy-sixth precinct, Flushing, L. I., since last February, when the Police Commisdoners ousted the village police, was transferred yesterday to the Forty-seventh precinct. ferred yesterday to the Forty-seventh precinct, Brooklyn, his old post. Sergt, Bernard Gallagher of the Forty-seventh precinct has been made Captain and has been assigned to Flushing. The Flushing precinct takes in the old villages of Flushing. College Point, White-stone, and the unincorporated districts of Bayside and Little Neck, Capt. Gallagher has been on the force since 1884.

QUEENS COUNTY TAXES.

Greater New York Lessens the Budget for 1899 by Over \$140,000.

The Queens County Board of Supervisors met in Long Island City yesterday afternoon and adopted the following budget for State and county taxes for the ensuing year: Total amount, \$646,838.79; for that portion of the

amount, \$646,838.79; for that portion of the county included in New York city, \$471,938,79; for towns outside of the borough of Queens, \$174,900.

This year the canal tax, the Coroner's office tax, and the cost of the maintenance of bridges will be borne by New York city. As a result, the total amount is over \$140,000 least than last year, as the total taxes then were \$788,758.02. County Treasurer Charles Phipps reported that he would require \$34,000 between Ocs. 1 and Dec. 31 for payment of interest on county bonds, and \$192,200 for the same purpose for the ensuing year. He said behad no money to meet this demand, but that Comptroller Colerhad in his possession \$300,000 belonging to Queens county, and that the interest money would be paid from this.

Supposed to Be That of a Suicide-Cellar's

The decomposed body of a man was found last night in the cellar of the tenement at 1446 Second avenue. The police believe it to be the body of Edward Seering, who, until last Tues-day, lived with his wife at Second avenue and day, lived with his wife at Second avenue and Seventy-fifth street. Mrs. Seering says her husband was a worthless fellow and she put him out of the house at that time.

The cellar was occupied until last Thursday by Savinelo Cantinio, who sold coal. Cantinio has disappeared. The police believe that Seering committed suicide, as he had often threatened to do so, and a bottle of paris green was found beside the body. They surmise that Cantinio found the body on Thursday, and, becoming frightened, fled.

Ice-Laden Sloop Stranded Near Atlantic City.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 3.-The sloop Katle C., Capt. Osborne, of Seabright, ice laden, bound from Atlantic City to Barnegat, stranded a half mile north of Atlantic City station at 2:30 this afternoon. Capt. Parker and tion at 2:30 this afternoon. Capt. Parker and crew boarded her, and by throwing the anchor overboard they succeeded in drawing her off, leaking badly. She is now at the iniet in dry dock for repairs.

The schooner Stephen Bennett, with a cargo of coal from Philadelphia to Portsmouth, that ran aground at 10 o'clock last evening near Bandy Hook, was floated this morning, and proceeded on her course. She was slightly damaged.

Died in His Cell of a Fractured Skull. Patrick McNally of 1 Bowery was arrested at Morris and Washington streets yesterday morning for being drunk. On the back of his head was a cut, but the surgeon of an ambu-lance which was summoned didn't think it amounted to anything, so McNally was looked up in the Church street station. He was found dead in his cell at 4 P. M. His skull had been fractured, probably.

Other Way-The Trained Nurse Disease. Scrosis is at home again. There was an unoccustomed buzzing in the corridors of the Astoria yesterday. It was the sighing of the sibilant Soroals a's. It was the first meeting of the season of 1898-99. It was breakfast and beatific greetings, a note of sadness, solemnity and smiles the ladylike "spatting" of applauding palms, the roll of the titles of the 'distinguished guests," In short, it was

Sorosis. Not on her native heath, however. Borosis has travelled far since she began life, and this winter will luxuriate at the Astoria. Nothing is too good for Sorosis. The country goes through panies, but Sorosis never his any ebb tide in her prosperity. Individual members make excursions into the hall bedroom sphere of existence, but for Sorosis as a whole there s one long round of gilded chairs and marble

halls and obsequious waiters. And also with Sorosis of the reading of papers there is no end. Consequently it need not be said that there were papers vesterday. But they took their turn. Sorosis does everything decently and in order. Everything runs smoothy. The members know their places and do not stick their fingers into the parliamentary machine which turns out a Sorosis programme without a hitch. There is a certain cocksure atmosphere about one of these meetings. It is a relief after the jerks and creaks with which some women's clubs move.

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The opening feature of the meeting yesterday was the roll call. No one knows exactly why the roll is called. No record is made of the responses. In fact, only an occasional response is even heard. The only plausible explanation of this roll call is that it is for the benefit of the guests, by way of informing them who are the members of the club. One of the members yesterday suggested to her neighbor that a printed list might be supplied. It would save the Secretary's voice.

Mrs. Mary Dame Hall, the President, was unable to be present yesterday. Mrs. Hall was in very poor health last winter and has now suffered a relapse, so that she is too ill for club work. Mrs. D. T. S. Denison, the Vice-President, occupied the chair, surrounded by Mrs. Greeley, Mrs. Yardley, Mrs. Higley, Mrs. Williamson and the other officers. A telegram of sympathy was 'sent to the absent President.

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Mrs. Greeley, Mrs. Yardley, Mrs. Higley, Mrs. Williamson and the other officers. A telegram of sympathy was sent to the absent President.

There was a special feature in honor of the opening meeting, a poem about Scrosis, written and recited by Mrs. Louise Downs. It was a very good poem and it made Scrosis out to be a very good thing. Consequently the ladylike "spatting" of the members' hands became enthusiastic. Mrs. Downs said though much better than prose can give it, that the listeners to the programme asked for bread and received not a stone, but "the manna of our souls."

It must be admitted that some of the manna furnished yesterday was excellent. It was about "Philanthropic Ideals" and was of all kinds, from solid to souffice. Miss Cecclia Gaines mingled both of these elements in the little talk she offered. Miss Gaines is the President of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs. She is about as big as a minute, but one of her seconds is worth a cycle of somebody else. Miss Gaines, "the personal equation" in philanthropy.

"In astronomy," said Miss Gaines, "the personal equation refers to the difference between the time when a thing actually takes place and the time when it appears to take place. When I use the term in connection with philanthropy I mean individual influence. We are all philanthropists. Not exactly in the sense of Tom Moore when he said that there is never an Irishman somewhere dependent, on him, but we are philanthropists in the some poorer Irishman somewhere dependent, on him, but we are philanthropists in the some poorer Irishman somewhere dependent, on him, but we are philanthropists in the sone poorer irishman somewhere dependent, on him, but we are philanthropists in the sone poorer trishman somewhere dependent, on him, but we are philanthropists in the sone poorer irishman somewhere dependent, on him, but we are philanthropists in the sense of Tom Moore when he said that there is never an Irishman somewhere dependent, on him be a pour sense of social relations, the sort

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"No, mum: does yours?"

"We have so much condescension toward the poor. And yet I have observed that the generosity of the poor toward the poor far exceeds the benefactions of the rich. You have all heard, probably, of the Irishman who took his bride to Ningara and asked her if she didn't think the falls were wonderful. Yes, she agreed that they were quite wonderful, but she said she thought they would be a heap more remarkable if they would turn around and run up the other way.

"Well, I often think it would be a good thing if the tide of philanthropy would turn around and run up the other way in social life. Until it does, the circulation of the body politic will not be complete. There is more than one kind of philanthropy, too. The woman who refuses to buy a nine-cent corset cover is just as much of a philanthropist as the woman whose name heads a subscription list."

Mrs. Emily E. Williamson read a paper by Mrs. Julia Langdon Barber in favor of placing abandoned and orphaned children in homes instead of institutions. Miss Mary Vida Clark. Assistant Secretary of the State Charities Aid Association, gave a little talk which held the club's attention with unusual closeness. She supposed a case of a homeless young mother, and gave what would probably be the woman's experience in New York city. Briefly, it was this: There are thirteen maternity hospitals into one of which the woman would have no trouble in gaining admittance at the time of the baby's birth.

"She might go," said Miss Clark, "to the Sioane Maternity Hospital or to several others which were established primarily for the development of embryo doctors, and secondarily for charitable purposes. If she is homeless, there are several institutions, such as the Foundling Hospital, where she can go at the end of the two weeks she is allowed to remain at the Maternity Hospital. When she leaves there,

mestic service."

Miss Clark said that experience proves that Miss Clark said that experience proves the this arrangement often turns out well. She said that in cases of descried wives the husband generally turns up again. His descriton is the result of hard times and he come back when things brighten up. In cases of widows and unmarried women they generally marry. Young women often marry the fathers of their children and many of those whe country marry there, their husband. Inthers of their children and many of those who go to the country marry there, their husbands having a full knowledge of their past life.

In the extemporaneous discussion following the papers Miss Annie Beaston made a bright little speech against turning over to others things we ought to do ourselves. She spake of the modern mania for leaving everything in the line of illness to a trained nurse.

"You meet a friend on the street," said Miss Beaston, "and you ask her if she has seen Mrs. Smith. Oh, no, Mrs. Smith is sick.

"Why, is that so!" you exclaim. What is the matter?

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"It sounds like a new discase," said Miss Beaston, "and everybody has it."

Mrs. Serimgeour of Brooklyn. Mrs. M. Louise Thomas, Mrs. Stimson and Mrs. Margaret Pascai also took part in the discussion, while Mrs. Jennic de la M. Lozier told how the relief committees helped Unele Sam cut red tape down at Camp Wikoff.

"If I asked for a rint of whisker, I got a quart," said Mrs. Lozier, and Sorosis gasped, but appinuded patriotically.

Mrs. Denison referred with tributes of respect to the death during the summer of Mms. Demarest and of Mrs. Clapp, both members of the club.

The distinguished guests were Miss Marry Vida Clark, Miss Cecilia Gaines, President New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Alice Meiville, Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star of Indiana; Mrs. Martin Hollinger, Grand Worthy Matron; Mrs. Alice Fisher Harcourt, President Twelfth, Night Club; Mrs. Edward Emerson, Belfiast, Ireland; Mrs. Charles H. Terry, President Brooklyn; Mrs. Living Scott and Miss Effie Browney Working Girls' Club; Mrs. Harris Ring Smith, Mrs. James Fuller, Mrs. George Betts, Brooklyn; Mrs. Irving Scott and Miss Effie Browne, Ban Francisco Sorosis; Mrs. M. Kauffmann, Madison, Wis; Mrs. E. C. Muller, New York; Dr. Helen Densone, London; Mrs. Almer Walker, Burlington, Vt.; Miss Marie Wilson McWatters and Mrs. Vs. Andrews, Miss Marie Bissell and Miss Carrie Bridewell sang very charmingly.

H. J. Taylor Run Down by a Bicyclist. Herbert J. Taylor of 294 Fifth avenue, while erossing Fifth avenue in front of the Windson Hotel last night, was run down by a bleycle ridden by Thomas B. Love of 607 East Six-teenth street. Mr. Taylor received a number of contusions but was not seriously injured. Love was locked up.

ELECTRIC COMBINES. Brooklyn Interests Consolidated -- Large-

Sixed Company Started in Manhattan.

Mr. Anthony N. Brady, on behalf of the Kings County Electric Light and Power Company of Brooklyn, and Mr. George Foster Peabody, on behalf of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brooklyn, have just completed a big electric light consolidation. The Kings County Company becomes the owner of the Edison stock, and by virtue of the ownership of this stock will own the stock of the Citizens' Lighting Company and the Municipal Lighting Company of Brooklyn. This purchase gives the Kings County Company substantially all the electric light business in the borough of Brookelectric light business in the borough of Brooklyn. The combination of the old plants with
the new plant of the Kings County Company
just completed will enable the companies to secure many economies in operation.

The New York Gas and Electric Light, Heat
and Power Company, with a capital of \$20.000.000, was incorporated yesterday at Albany.
Its stated objects are to manufacture and supply gas and electricity for light, heat and power
purposes in the territory of Greater New York.
The corporation is to have the right to purchase
and hold the stocks and bonds of any foreign
or domestic corporations and exchange therefor its own stocks and bonds. The organization tax of \$31.250 was paid to the State Treasurer by a check of the Central Trust Company drawn on the Bank of America.
The directors are Henry J. Hemmens, Frank
D. Allen, Frederick L. Allen, J. Frank Yawger,
Louis M. King, Charles N. Flint and Nathaniel
W. Smith of New York city. The Aloba Delta
Phi Club of this city seems to supply most of
these names. The incorporators are nearly all
young lawyers. Mr. Hemmens is a partner of
Samuel A. Beardsley, who is said to be associated with ex-Governor Flower in ventures in
rolley lines north of the city. The incorporators are not ready to tell yet who is behind
them or what their plana are. lyn. The combination of the old plants with

HE RILLED A POLICEMAN.

John Preston on Trial in Jersey City for the Murder of Charles Gebhard.

John Preston, alias James K. Brown, was put Court in Jersey City for the murder of Policeman Charles Gebhard in Hoboken on July 26, Preston is the defendant's real name, but he was indicted as Brown, the name he gave when be was arrested, and is being tried under that name. He is a well-known crook, and had been only six months out of Sing Sing prison when he killed the policeman. His wife, mother, and sister live in Brooklyn.

Justice Lippincott and Judge Blair were on

the bench vesterday. Prosecutor James S. the bench vesterday. Prosecutor James S. Erwin represented the State and Senator William D. Daly appeared for the defendant. The case is being tried before a struck jury. Prosecutor Erwin recited the facts of the case if his opening address. Gebhard, who had been detailed in civilian's attire to look for sneak thieves, arrested Brown. The prisoner escaped and shot Gebhard. One bullet lodged in the policeman's stomach, and he staggered, but continued to follow Brown, who was backing away from him. Brown fired again—some of the witnesses say that he fired two shots and others three—and at the last shot the policeothers three—and at the last shot the police-man fell in the middle of the street and died in a few moments.

Thirty witnesses were examined before the court adjourned for the day.

BROKER CULLOM ARRESTED.

Telephone Message Misunderstood-He Is Honorably Discharged.

Because of a misunderstood telephone message, S. B. Cullom, a broker, who lives in the Grand Hotel, was arrested and arraigned in the West Fifty-fourth Street Police Court yesterday on the charge of passing a worthless check.

Cullom went to the Hotel Garrick, in Fortysecond street near Seventh avenue, and offered a check on C. S. Hartwell, banker, at 41 Wall street, for \$0.50 in payment for a bottle

Wall street, for \$0.50 in payment for a bottle of champagne.
The check was accepted by Christopher Farley, a clerk, who telephoned to Hartwell's office later to ask about it. He says that he learned through the telephone that the check was worthless, so he caused Cullom's arrest.

When arraigned before Magistrate Olmsted the prisoner said that his arrest was an absurd mistake, and asked for time to prove this. The request was granted, and Cullom sent a messenger to 41 Wall street.

Mr. Hartwell hurried to the police court and assured the Magistrate and Farley that the check was perfectly good and would have been honored without any question had it been presented for payment. Mr. Cullom was honorably discharged.

NO CESSION OF ALASKAN SOIL.

Seattle Business Men Protest Against Such an Idea. SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 3.-A meeting of the

business men of Seattle was called this afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce to protest against the cession of territory in Alaska to Canada by the Joint High Commission in Quebec. A story, which seems absurd on its face, has been received here to the effect that the American members of the commission have manifested their willingness to concede all the Alaska coast from Yakutat Bay just south of Mount St. Elias to Dixon's Entrance, including Juneau, Skagway and Dyea, in return for privileges in the Canadian and Behring Sea fisheries. These reports come from Quebec, and have aroused considerable indignation among the people of the Northwest who have been engaged in opening up trade in Alaska. Strong resolutions were passed protesting against such action and favoring the acquisition of erritory instead of ceding it.

P. O. SUB-STATION CLERKS GONE And the Stamp Account at Mulberry and

Two clerks, Antonio Baggio and Henry Del Gamba, who were employed in Post Office Sub-Station No. 23, at the corner of Mulberry and Worth stregts, have been missing since Sept. 24. The day after they disappeared Banker Frank Aiello, who is superintendent of the sub-station, which is in his place, discovered that his stamp account was short \$772.54. He reported this to Post Office Auditor Jardines and made good the loss. Aielio learned that his clerks salled on the steamship La Normandie on her jast trip from this port, and he notified the French authorities.

Seventh Regiment Veteran Corps Nomina

At a meeting of the Veteran Corps of the Seventh Regiment, held in the veteran's room at the armory last night, the following officers were nominated: Major, H. L. Freedman; Paymaster, H. B. Dick; Surgeon, Moreau Mor-ris; Commissary, F. A. Goodwin; Chaplain, C. A. Roome: Inspectors of Elections, Joseph Dowd, F. Wright, W. H. Compton, William Boillon and L. F. Allien, The election will be held on the first Monday in November.

The Weather.

The tropical hurricane reported on the coast of Florida has moved northward inland over Alabama and Georgia and is likely to continue in its northward course over the Ohio Valley and join with an upper lake region. Its inland course will in all probability decrease its force, but the rainfall along

its track is likely to be heavy.

High southeast winds prevailed yesterday on the South Atlantic coast and on the West Gulf coast and in the interior of the South Atlantic States, with heavy rainfalls; lighter rainfall reached into Virginia and Maryland.

An area of high pressure central over Montana was moving southeastward, attended by freezing tem-peratures in the Dakotas, Montana and Wyoming, with frost in these States and Minnesota. Heavy frost is likely to occur this morning in the wheat belt and the western corn belt and in the eastern part of the corn belt to-morrow morning, and may each the northern part of the cotton belt. In this city yesterday it was fair; highest official

temperature 76°, lowest 62°; average humidity, 76 per cent.; at 8 A. M. it was 100 per cent., owing to some fog; wind easterly, average velocity 8 miles an hour; barometer, corrected to read to see level, at 8 The temperature as recorded by the official thermometer and also by THE SUN's thermometer at the street level is shown in the annexed table:

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WOMAN'S SOUL IN MAN'S BODY. A Male Cook Arrested for Wearing Woman's

Clothes-His Story-Fined \$10. A young man made complaint to Policeman Traypor of the Charles street station on Sunday night that he had been abused by a wo man who was creating a disturbance in Chris-The policemen arrested the person pointed out, a tail figure in a black dress, black hat, and black veil. When taken to the Mercer street station, where there is a matron, the supposed woman turned out to be a man, Christopher Brickels, who has been arrested several times before for going about in woman's clothing. He said that he was 49 years old, born in Copenhagen, and that he ived at 150 West Forty-eighth street. He gave the name of Christine before his sex was dis-He told the following story in Jefferson Mar-

he told the following story in Jenerson Mar-ket Court yesterday:

"I always wear a woman's clothes," he said.
"I work as a cook and have lived with many families, some prominent ones. I shaved every day, and generally they thought me a woman. If I was found out I would go, but they never blamed me when I told them how it was.

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"You see I am a woman's soul in a man's body. I found that out as a child, and have rend many books which tell of other like cases. I cannot get work as a mau; I have tried. I am not happy, and people take me for a woman in disguise, for my hair is long and my voice is soft. For twenty years I have slept very little, for I dream I am a woman and wake in terror to find myself a man. When I die I shall be a woman soul. "I got in trouble from drinking a little beer last night; I can't stand much, but I have been arrested sometimes for my clothes, but I can't change."
When arraigned before Magistrate Deuel,
Brickels was fined \$10 for personating a
woman and for disorderly conduct. He couldn't pay, I don't see why I can't wear woman's clothes as long as I behave," he said, and he was led to prison.

MR. LESLIE TURNS UP AT HOME. A New York Printer Cannot Explain Week's Absence from His Family.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Oct. 3.-Thomas K. Les-He of this city, who has a printing business at 132 Nassau street, New York, is now confined to his home in a dazed condition and is not able to give any account of his actions during the pastweek. On Tuesday of last week Mr. Leslie was in New York, and at noon he took two men parted at the corner of Fourteenth street and Fifth avenue. That was the last street and Fifth avenue. That was the last seen of Mr. Leslie until yesterday, when he cailed at the home of his friend, William Palmer, of Fanwood.

Mr. Palmer invited Mr. Leslie to enter his house, but was unable to learn anything concerning his absence, except that Mr. Leslie found himself in Newark on last Saturday and from there he walked to Fanwood, reaching that place yesterday morning. Mr. Palmer sent for ex-Sheriff George Kyte of Fanwood, Leslie's stepbrother, and Leslie was taken to his home in this city, where his wife and son are caring for him.

While Mr. Leslie was away he had very little money with him, but on his return his clothes were soiled and he had no money.

ARREST OF A DENTIST.

He Is Charged with Maltreating a Woman Patient at His Office.

August Stuki, a dentist, of 505 Eighth ave nue, was locked up in the West Thirty-seventh street station last night on a charge of maltreatment preferred by Maggie Schraeder, 26 years old, of 144 West End avenue. While Miss Schraeder, with her sister, Mrs.

Frances Hildebrandt of 308 West Sixty-ninth street, was shopping in Eighth avenue at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, two of her teeth o'clock yesterday afternoon, two of her teeth began to pain her. The two women entered the dental office and Miss Schraeder ordered Stuki to draw her teeth. Miss Schraeder alleges that while she was partly under the influence of the gas Stuki had administered the dentist maitreated her. She says she screamed, and when her sister, who was in the next room ran to her assistance, Stuki struck Mrs. Hildebrandt in the face and threw her down a flight of stairs.

Miss Schraeder told this story to Capt. Halpin of the West Thirty-seventh street station, and Mrs. Hildebrandt corroborated her. Capt. Halpin sent Detectives Owens and Trojan to arrest Stuki, and they captured him early last evening. Stuki denied the charge.

Hacking at the Budget. The Board of Estimate met yesterday to be

gin the work of making up the budget for 1899. The estimates must all be made up by the end of the month. The Mayor asked yes-1898. 1897. 1898.

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IS WILLIAM KOUTNIK ALIVE? Circumstances Give Rise to a Bellef That He

Was Not Drowned. William Koutnik of 424 Spring street, West

Hoboken, was said to have been capsized from rowboat while fishing on the Hackensack River last Thursday night and drowned Koutnik was awaiting trial on a charge of forging the name of Superintendent William H. Kelley, an insurance agent in Jersey City, on check for \$114. His father was his bondsman. The case was scheduled to be tried in the Hudson County Court House in a few weeks.

story of Koutnik's death emanated from Michael Blatsky, a young man living in North Bergen. Blatsky was found clinging to a pile of the Hackensack plank road bridge shortly before midnight on Thursday. He said that he had been fishing in a rowboat with Koutnik and that the boat capsized and Koutnik was drowned. A white fedora hat, which he said was Koutnik's, was floating in the vicinity.

Koutnik was married last Tuesday to Miss Kate Grady of Hoboken. Mrs. Koutnik, who was living with relatives in West Hoboken, left her home on Thursday, and her present whereabouts are unknown to her parents, Koutnik's father had the river dragged in an effort to recover his ison's body, but without success. The relatives of young Koutnik's wife are curiously complacent over the situation, and a suspicion has arisen that perhaps Koutnik is not dead after all.

WAS DUFFY LIBELLED?

Has W. E. Bishop Arrested.

The managers of the Irish Fair, at the Clermont Avenue Rink, in Brooklyn, sought to secure a number of advertisements for the benefit of the fair. Otto Huber, the brewer, was one of the persons asked to advertise. He asked William E. Bishop, manager of the New York Bureau of Information, 220 Broadway, as to the responsibility of the men who had called on him. Anthony Duffy, a saloon keeper, of 112 Court street, is the treasurer of the Irish Fair. While Mr. Bishop, in his answer, did not refer to Mr. Duffy by name, he wrote to Mr. Huber that "the Treasurer's statement to us that the fair was for the benefit of the Irish societies cannot be true. There were luncheon with a friend. After luncheon the | professionals connected with the raising of money, and the Treasurer is unknown to Irishmen generally in Brooklyn."

Mr. Huber did not advertise, and when Mr. Duffy learned the reason he caused the arrest of Mr. Bishop on a charge of criminal libel. Duffy said that he was well and widely known among Irishmen in Brooklyn, and that the letter was calculated to injure and degrade him.

him.

Mr. Bishop was arraigned before Magistrate Brenner in the Adams Street Police Court, in Brooklyn, vesterday, and pleaded not guilty. He was paroled pending an examination on Oct. 11.

ROBBED OF \$1,200

Tuxedo Street Superintendent Has Three Acquaintances Arrested.

Michael Kosua of Tuxedo, who, the police say, is Superintendent of Streets in that town. appeared yesterday in the Essex Market Court as complainant against three persons, whom he charged with stealing from him \$1,200. The accused are Andrew Gilli, Julia Bidly Incski and John Stariak. Gilli and the woman live at 232 Third street. Starlak lives at 715 Sixth street. Kosua asserted that on Sunday sixth street. Kosua asserted that on Sunday night he went to the house at 232 Third street and met the three prisoners, with whom he was slightly acquainted. The \$1.200 was in a belt fastened around his waist, when he awoke yesterday morning he found that the belt had been cut open and the money taken. He then caused the arrest of his three friends, who asserted their innocence yesterday in the police court. They were held for examination.

SUPERINTENDENT LEHART ACCUSED.

Arrested on a Charge of Embezzling Money from the N.Y. and S. I. Electric Company. The order of arrest issued by County Judge stephen D. Stephens, upon which Benjamin F. Lebart, superintendent of the New York and Staten Island Electric Company, was arrested Saturday, was returnable before Judge Ste-phens to-day. Lehart was taken before the Court this morning, and, being unable to fur-nish bail, was remanded to the Richmond County Jail. His case will come up at the Oc-tober term of the County Court. Lehart is ac-cused of having embezzled \$200 or more from the New York and Staten Island Electric Com-pany.

Campaigner Sues Mark Hanna for \$1,000. A summons was served on Mark Hanna at the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday by Tausky & Lesser, attorneys, in behalf of Louis Glazier of Syracuse, N. Y., who sues for \$1,000 for ser vices. Glazier alleges that Mr. Hanna engaged him early in 1880 to organize McKinley clubs in the upper part of the State. Glazier says he paid his own expenses in forming auch clubs at Rochester. Buffalo, Utica, and Binghamton. Now he wants to be paid. Mr. Hanna's attorneys returned the summons with the notification that they would defend the suit. FIDDLER PETER DEAD.

For Half a Century His Violin Made Music from the Battery to Harlem.

The sound of Peter Fay's violin will be heard o more on the west side, for the aged musician is dead. "Old Peter," as he was known on the west side, passed away quietly yesterday morning in his little room at 326 Tenth

The old man and his violin were known from the Battery to Harlem for the past half

reland when a boy, bringing with him a good leducation and a violin that had been in his family for years.

He was at one time successful in business, but got a run of bad luck which compelled him to earn a living of late years by his violin. He played dance music in his neighbors' houses and his equal at Irish jigs and reels could not easily be found. Peter, although poor, was proud and never condescended to play on the streets.

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"I would rather starve than play on the streets," he said one day to a friend who asked why he did not go from house to house and make money.

The old fiddler was missed yesterday morning and when one of the tenants of the house went into his room they found him dead on the bed with his fingers clutched tightly on the strings of his violin. The cause of his death was said to be Bright's disease.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

Deputy Sheriff Sullivan has received an at achment from Kings county against James L. Newman, a builder of Chestnut street, near Jamaica avenue, Brooklyn, for \$1,800 in favor Jamaica avenue, Brooklyn, for \$1.800 in favor of George Menz, for plumbing and gasfitting work on seven houses which Mr. Newman built on Chestnut atreet. It was obtained on the ground that Newman transferred nearly all his property to his wife and would not pay his creditors. The attachment was served on the Comptroller and Board of Education to attach any money that may be due him for building a schoolhouse in Brooklyn for the city. He has been in business since 1885, William H. Gray, dealer in carriages at 20 and 22 Wooster street, made an assignment yesterday, without preference, to William R. Bishop, Mr. Gray's father carried on the business for many years and died in April, 1893, leaving an estate valued at \$500,000.

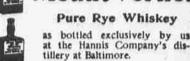
Justice McCarthy of the City Court has appointed William G. Belyea receiver for Frederick E. Ruhling, Jr., and Adolph Ruhling, who did business as F. & A. Ruhling, ironwork, at 136 East Thirty-second street. Harry Blina made the application.

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NORTH GRAFTON, Mass., Oct. 3.—Mrs. Betsey Barker died of pneumonia to-day at the home of her son, W. T. Barker, at the age of 100 years 4 months.

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